

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

Uptown/Carrollton Historic District Study Committee

Meeting #3 Minutes

Date: February 17, 2015

Location: 531 Lyons Street, New Orleans, LA 70115

Called to order: 6:05 p.m.

Adjourned: 7:35 p.m.

Members present: Kim Washington, Marshall Hevron, Michael Harowski, Nadege Assale, Ashley Aubrey Harrison
Tim Hemphill

Members absent:

Members arriving after the meeting began: Tim Hemphill

Staff Present: C. Elliott Perkins, Eleanor Burke, Melissa Quigley

A. Roll Call

B. Introductions

C. Review and adoption of 10.19.15 meeting minutes

Motion: Approve the minutes.

By: Marshall Hevron

Second: Ron Babin

Result: Passed

In Favor: Kim Washington, Marshall Hevron, Michael Harowski, Nadege Assale, Ashley Aubrey Harrison, Ron Babin

Opposed:

Comments:

C. Review of District Boundary options and jurisdiction levels.

The staff provided a summary of why the current districts were being considered and highlights of the two previous meetings. Elliott Perkins presented the proposed boundaries put forth by the staff and explained the reasoning behind the options.

The staff reviewed the various levels of jurisdiction offered by the HDLC and their impact on property owners and neighborhoods. The Committee inquired if the staffing of the HDLC was sufficient to handle the increase in applications of a new partial control districts. Elliott Perkins explained that staffing levels had already been increased and an additional staff member may be needed based on the increase in applications if adopted. Marshall Hevron inquired about the current staffing of the NCDAC – which the staff responded was one



administrative person. The Committee inquired about the difference in timeline between the current NCDAC process and the proposed HDLC process. Mr. Perkins explained that the process would go from a two stop process to a one step process, and in most cases would shorten the length of applications. The Committee inquired about the ratings of structures and the process for demolishing non-contributing buildings. The staff explained that the demolition of non-contributing buildings would be easier than the demolition of contributing buildings as the HDLC criteria for demolition take into account the historic and architectural significance of the building. The staff explained that each district has a period of significance and the contributing structures reflect that era and contribute to the architectural cohesiveness of the district.

E. Public Comment

At this point, the Study Committee accepted public comment. (See attached sign in sheet)) The members of the public spoke regarding their preferences for and against HDLC jurisdiction.

F. Recommendation

After a brief discussion Ron Babin made a motion that the Study Committee recommend that the City adopt the outer boundary shown on the map prepared by the staff (see attached) of both the Uptown and Carrollton historic districts as partial control – Demolition only districts and the properties fronting on St. Charles Avenue as a full control district. The motion was seconded by Ashley Harrison. Marshal Hevron offered a friendly amendment that the motion include the properties fronting on Carrollton Avenue be full control as well. The friendly amendment was accepted by Ron Babin and Ashley Harrison. The motion passed unanimously.

The staff introduced the City Planning staff person that would be handling the City Planning Commission Historic District Study, Sabine Lebailleur and the staff outlined the steps in the process moving forward.

There being no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned.